## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

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## MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

Pending before the Court is Plaintiff's Second Motion for Summary Judgment (Doc. No. 21). The parties agree that Defendant Cobalt Construction Services, LLC ("Cobalt Construction") is liable to Plaintiff for breach of contract in the amount of \$163,259.81. Thus, Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment against Cobalt Construction on its breach of contract claim is **GRANTED** and judgment is hereby **ENTERED** against Cobalt Construction Services, LLC in that amount.

Plaintiff also seeks summary judgment on its breach of contract claim against Defendants Cobalt Property Services, LLC ("Cobalt Property") and Cobalt Capital Companies ("Cobalt Capital"). Neither party is a signatory to the contract between Plaintiff and Cobalt Construction. Plaintiff has not directed this Court to any evidence demonstrating that Cobalt Property or Cobalt Capital was contractually bound to Plaintiff, nor that Cobalt Property or Cobalt Capital was engaged in any fraudulent misrepresentation that would have led to Plaintiff's detrimental

reliance. Thus, Plaintiff's motion for summary judgment against Defendants Cobalt Property

and Cobalt Capital is **DENIED**.

Finally, Plaintiff appears to seek summary judgment against all three Defendants on an

action to recover on a sworn account. However, the law in Texas prevents recovery on a sworn

account when there is an express contract containing all material terms. Patton v. Archer, 590

F.2d 1319, 1324 (5th Cir. 1979). Here, the contract between Plaintiff and Cobalt Construction

was written and contained all material terms. Thus, Plaintiff's motion for summary judgment on

its sworn account cause of action is **DENIED**.

In sum, Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment on its breach of contract claim against

Defendant Cobalt Construction is **GRANTED**. The motion for summary judgment on all other

grounds is **DENIED**. **JUDGMENT** is entered against Cobalt Construction in the amount of

\$163,259.81.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

SIGNED this 16th day of May, 2007.

KEITH P. ELLISON

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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TO INSURE PROPER NOTICE, EACH PARTY WHO RECEIVES THIS ORDER SHALL FORWARD A COPY OF IT TO EVERY OTHER PARTY AND AFFECTED NON-PARTY EVEN THOUGH THEY MAY HAVE BEEN SENT ONE BY THE COURT